December 27th
After-feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special Melody: Thou art the joy

1) He that dawned forth from the Father before the ages began, even the Son that ever is in His Father’s bosom, enthroned in these last times in a mother’s embrace, is adored by the Angel hosts along with Magi and shepherds in Bethlehem; let us also sing His praise with them.

2) Ye faithful, let us assemble in Bethlehem to see Him Who created all things lying now in a manger, and them of the Chaldeans, who came from afar, bringing threefold and goodly gifts.

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as to a King, as to God, and as unto Him

that for our sakes shall be three days dead.

3) Of the pure Virgin, O Savior, wast Thou born in a cave, and the angelic armies then drew nigh and they cried out: Glory in the highest to Thee, O our God, Who art born in a servant’s form and hast refashioned the whole world within the womb of the Virgin Mother who knew not man.